

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

EM DIVISION



All of us in EM Division would like to thank everyone for all the support we have received from our loved ones at home. GSEFN Ramsey is our newest addition to the SAN JACINTO Family. He is from Virginia. Congratulations go out to the Roach's Family on the birth of their son Hunter John Roach. Some highlights from this quarter include GSM1(SW) Gauthier receiving his EOOW letter, GSM1 Clingan and GSMFN Miller qualifying Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialists. During the deployment we have witnessed many of our young sailors mature, each working on various qualifications, and taking on additional responsibilities. We are preparing for the future, and are aware that approximately half of our experienced technicians will leave upon arrival to Norfolk. Therefore we are working towards getting our junior personnel up to speed to assume those positions. We are proud of all the support we are constantly receiving from back home. We could not achieve these great feats without your continued support. EM- Division shows constant pride and support in their daily routines, especially in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. We are proud to Serve!

**GSM3 JONES, GSE2 BENJAMIN,
GSM3(SW) WRIGHT AT WORK**



ER DIVISION



Greetings from "R" division. Well we are now more than ¼ of the way through our cruise and things are getting even better by the moment. As everyone has seen on the news the situation in Iraq is going well. We, however, are concentrating on coming home to all of our loved ones. There have been quite a few exciting things happen since our departure. First we would like to congratulate our newest father, DCC (SW) Bridgeforth. He's the proud father of a very beautiful baby girl. Congratulations Chief, and family. Welcome to the SAN JACINTO family.

Also in this final newsletter we would like to say farewell to some of our fellow shipmates that will be departing after we return. They are MR1(SW) Millare, HT2(SW) Herrell, and DC3 Works. They have been great team players and friends to all of us in "R" division.

We would like to thank everyone that has sent us their prayers, support, and care packages during this deployment. We would love to list everyone, but there are just too many to name. We're going to close for now and we'll see everyone soon. The next time everyone receives news from us we'll be able to give it to you in person. Until then take care and God bless.

**DC3 WORKS GIVING HOSE
HANDLING TRAINING**



EE DIVISION



Greetings again from the Electrical Engineering division onboard USS SAN JACINTO currently operating in the Mediterranean! Since we deployed December 5, 2002, much as happened. From visiting exotic port such as Spain, Italy, Turkey, and Malta to entering Operation Iraqi Freedom campaign, the electricians are always on the go fixing equipments in order for SAN JACINTO to perform its mission.

For EMFN Ballard and EMFN Oakley, this is the first time away from home and to them it's the reason why they joined the Navy, to see the world and experience the different culture that surrounds them. Turkey was a buyer's paradise for EMFN Ojea who bought many souvenirs for his family and friends.

Strike Warfare is USS SAN JACINTO's secondary mission while Air Warfare is its primary. Shooting missiles to defend our nation against terrorism is a first for many of us. For our part there's no way to succeed in this mission without the electricians fixing the vital equipments such as the SPY radar and all of the crew's comfort equipments to better increase morale. We take pride everyday knowing that we have helped in the successful mission that we were tasked to do. We would like to thank our family and friends for their support during these times. Your love has helped us through many days out at sea and we can't wait to come home to you.

A-GANG DIVISION



parts, and completing repairs to the crew's Pepsi machines.

EN3 Kishawn Forbes has been performing metrology and calibration to critical system meters throughout the ship, which increased the ship's Gage Calibration Program readiness to 95 %. EN1(SW) McGaughey and EN1(SW) Sorice also led the team of EN3 Robert Fredrick and ENFN Alonzo James in the vital repairs to the Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat's fuel oil system, which ensured the ship's ready life boat was in peak condition to support Maritime Intradiction Operations. The entire division enjoyed their last port visit in Malta before the war. We are currently busy maintaining the ship's vital and non vital systems during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

We would like to thank our families and friends for their continued support during these difficult times. We are only as strong as the support that you give us. So until next time, so long from the Navy's finest A-gangers.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT



S1/2/3/4 DIVISION

Greetings from the SAN JACINTO Supply Department! With four months of the deployment now behind us, the Supply Department looks forward to homecoming but continues to work hard. The Department provided superb service during recent combat operations. The steadfast, behind the scenes dedication of every member of the department helped to achieve mission accomplishment. In the Stores Division, SK1 McDonald & SK1 Barnett are working hard at keeping the Division employed as LPO's. SK2 Fabunmi continues to ensure that we have the proper funding to make all repairs, having recently reenlisted for Orders to Naval Medical Logistics Command in Fredrick, MD. SK2 Diaz is working hard to keep the Hi Priority parts coming in to assist in the mission. SK2 Ballard very busy with inventories,

and preservation of spaces. SK3 Larreaponce is hard at work at getting all materials required to keep both SH-60 Helos down time to a minimum.

SK3 Porter continues to maintain all the work center spaces to keep S-1 in the best material condition possible. SK3 Bransford has his hands full keeping track of the Depot Level Repairables (DLR's) program to ensure proper return to the Supply System. Hazmat guys SK2 Peele, STG2 Blondin, FC3 Irwin, ITSN Gilmore and DC3 Stewart and DK3 Frost have processed over 10 tons of trash during the cruise to ensure their proper disposal. The Food Service Division (S-2) is continuing to keep the cupboards full and has ensured the crew stays well fed. It has been a festive deployment so far. The SAN JACINTO Chefs, led by MS2(SW) Alexander in the galley and MS2 Albino in the Wardroom, have kept the crew's spirits up using their culinary touch in celebrating Christmas, New Years, San Jacinto's Birthday, and St Patrick's Day meals. MS2(SW) Clements, MS3 Ramos, MS3 Jones, MSSN Brady, MSSN Eichelberger, and MSSN Roberson all contributed to the festivities. In addition, the following Chef's have earned their Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS) pins: MS1(SW) Blystone, MS2(SW) Lefeber, MS2(SW) Alexander, MS3(SW) Eberheart, and MS3(SW) Long. Their hard work and determination has earned them the right to be known as "Surface Warriors".

SAN JACINTO'S Chefs have learned of and enjoyed the fine foods the Mediterranean has to offer. However, nothing beats a good 'ol American hamburger and hotdog and we all are anticipating our homecoming. The Sales Division (S-3) has continued to keep the crew happy by providing high quality items in the Ship's Store. Through the division's hard work and dedication, a check in the amount of \$17,000 worth of ship's store profits was recently turned over the San Jac MWR fund. Congratulations are in order for SHSA Polly who was nominated by the department for Blue Jacket of the Quarter. SH2(SW) Bazile is still in charge and holding down the fort until SH1 Jones reports aboard. The division wishes a fond farewell to SH3 Helzer who recently left the ship to return home to Wyoming. SH3 Bradford, SH3 Kobel, and SHSN Heard

Greetings from A-Gang! We are doing as well as could be expected, since we are away from our families and participating in the war on Iraq. We recently bid a fond farewell to EN3(SW) Robert Pickney. The best of luck to him at his new Command VC6, Little Creek Amphibious Base. He brought lots of useful knowledge and experience to the division. Congratulations also to EN3(SW) Robert Pickney on qualifying as Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist just prior to detaching. A-Gang has been busy over the last three months, completing repairs to numerous hotel and mission oriented services. EN1(SW) Anthony McGaughey and EN1(SW) Mike Sorice recently led a team comprised of EN3 Kurtis Stephens, EN3 Matthew Horne, EN3 Robert Fredrick, ENFN Alonzo James and ENFN Terrance Kennedy in critical repairs made to the crew's berthing and laundry hot water heaters, maintaining sanitation requirements necessary for the small pox vaccination program. This also benefited the overall health and comfort for the entire San Jac crew. EN2(SW) Gary Greenawalt spent numerous man hours researching technical documentation, procuring

continue to work hard to serve the needs of the crew. SH3(SW) Ranshaw is anxiously awaiting homecoming and meeting his two-month old little girl for the first time! The Disbursing and Post Offices have had a busy few months. DK2 Cline and DK3 Arias have tirelessly processed tax-free and imminent danger pay for the crew. DK3 Arias has recently passed his ESWS oral board and should be getting pinned in the near future. DK2 Cline recently qualified as Duty Master-at-Arms (DMAA) and has been assigned to the Damage Control Training Team (DCTT). PC3 Carlson has put forth great efforts to route and sort mail to improve the morale of the crew.

So far our deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom has been successful and fulfilling. Under the able leadership of LCDR Sevilla, LTJg Villarreal, ENS Henwood, MSC Wyrick, and SKC Kurtz, Supply Department has continued to provide outstanding logistics support and service to the crew. We still have a lot of hard work ahead of us, but we are more than up to the task. We are looking forward to completing our mission safely and coming home soon.

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

OI DIVISION (THE BLUE ROOM)



Greetings from the world's finest Aegis Cruiser, USS SAN JACINTO, and the renowned OI Division. As the Combat Information Center is a very busy place with Operation Iraqi Freedom, you can be proud knowing your Sailors are doing an excellent job with every tasking that we have been assigned. Thus far we have escorted the USS HARRY S TRUMAN in the Med Sea and been assigned direct support for Operation Iraqi Freedom in the Red Sea. Our sailors here continue to do their job with great pride and extreme professionalism. Since we last spoke in January, we have visited a few more ports. We spent 5 days in Valletta

Malta, which is a small island south of Sicily. We enjoyed the sites and traditions that they had to offer us. We also spent a few days in Aksaz, Turkey, which is near the resort town of Marmaris. They had a lot of good shopping and great food. The people in both ports were extremely friendly and courteous. OI Division would like to congratulate the following members of the division:

OS2 Elsbree and his wife are the proud parents of a set of twin daughters. His wife and daughters are doing fine and are healthy.

We have a few new Surface Warriors in the Division: They are OS2(SW) Hilman Guillory, OSSN(SW) John Long, OS2(SW) Jeremy Ellis, OS2(SW) William Earp, OS2(SW) Patrick Harris, and OS2(SW) Jonathan Harris. Achieving this qualification is a large milestone in their career in the Navy.

OI Division would like to welcome a few new shipmates to the Blue Room Team. OS3 Craig who joins us from the BUDS training center in Coronado CA and is from the state of Virginia. OSSR Malinowski joins us from OS "A" School and is from the state of North Carolina. Our latest newcomer is OSSR Marion who also arrived from OS "A" and is originally from the state of Georgia.

Until we talk again, God Bless all those supportive family and friends back home.

SAN JACINTO'S RADIO FAMILY



I was looking at our Radio Family Board just yesterday and realized just how lucky we are to have such great support from our families and friends. It seems almost impossible to think of doing this job without the support that we have received throughout this deployment. As we are starting on the down hill side of the deployment our thoughts are more and more with you back home.

Just want to say thank you to all of you for your continued support. The success of a group is often measured by the accomplishments of individuals. One of our individuals achieved a large milestone in his career since we last talked. IT3(SW) Langley achieved his Surface Warfare designation. Congratulations to him on this important achievement.

Throughout this deployment, we have had the distinct pleasure of the assistance from some shipmates in SESS. Since the last update, CTO3 Hill and CTO3 Fuentes have come to radio to help us out and to further their individual communications development. Their assistance has been invaluable to the success of Radio. Thank you gentlemen.

Emails have been the primary way for us to keep in contact during this deployment and I want to mention one individual who above all others that is responsible for the management of that resource. IT2(SW) Young has done a remarkable job of continuously maintaining our system. His management has enabled us to send and receive emails back and forth with minimal interruption. He has my gratitude and admiration for his abilities.

You may all take comfort in knowing that this group of young men that I have the pleasure of leading are at the top of their game. This was recently further demonstrated in the awarding of the Communications Efficiency Award, commonly referred to as the "Green E." This comes from hard work and dedication by a whole Radio Shack. Not individual effort. You should be very proud of each and every one of them.

It is time for me to close for now. I want to thank you all for the sacrifices you make on a daily basis by having these young men go away to sea. It takes a special kind of person to let go of someone like this. You are all very special and very much appreciated. God Bless!

OT DIVISION



OT division would like to thank all of our family and friends back home for your continued support through out this cruise. We can't express how much your letters, e-mails,

and packages mean to us all. OT Division says farewell to LTJg Fefer who is on his way to Washington State and the USS SUPPLY. Good luck and continue, "Living the Dream." OT welcomes ENS Xu, the newest OT Warrior and our new Division Officer.

Here is an update on what has occurred within the division since our last letter. Congratulations to EW2 Donnel, CTO3 Hill, CTM3 McHenry, CTO3 Fuentes, and CTOSN Neas on passing the written exam for Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS). They are one step closer to achieving the title of surface warriors. Good luck to everyone on the boards to follow. Also, good luck to those Sailors who took the March advancement exams. Those in the division who took the E-5 test were CTO3 Hill, CTM3 McHenry, EW3 Nall, and CTO3 Fuentes. CTOSN Neas was the only one in the division to take the E-4 test. Once again good luck to all of you and we hope to see all of you achieve the next rank. Congratulations to CTM1 (SW) Morrison on earning the title of SAN JACINTO Sailor of the Quarter. Petty Officer Morrison has once again demonstrated to the Command that the division holds some of the top-notch sailors on board the ship.

Welcome back to EWSA Pilgrim who just returned to the watch following a very successful tour as Food Service Attendant. Congratulations to all of the Electronic Warfare Technicians for doing a superb job at dominating the electronic spectrum. EW2 Lentz, EW2 Alvarez, EW2 Donnell, EW3 Nall, and EWSA Pilgrim have been standing port and starboard watches since the beginning of the cruise and each have excelled at their job.

OT division would like to say farewell to CTR1 (SW) Hoffman who will be transferring in May for instructor duty at Goodfellow AFB. Petty Officer Hoffman has contributed so much to the success of the division with his knowledge and expertise as a CTR. He is a true expert in his job. We are glad to see that he will be passing on that knowledge to others in the military force. We all wish you the best of luck

in your future endeavors. In conclusion we would like to thank all of you, our family and friends, for your support through these times. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you so much from OT division. We look forward to seeing you all on the pier very soon.

SAN JACINTO DECK DIVISION



Greetings from somewhere in the Red Sea. At a little over the half way mark of this deployment Deck Division continues to safely accomplished various day and night evaluations in support of the Operation Iraqi Freedom. We have successfully completed over 20 Underway Replenishments, logged over 800 hours of flight operations, while still maintaining our equipment standing our watches and keeping SAN JACINTO looking great. Congratulations to our new Surface Warriors: BM2(SW) Bullock, and SN(SW) Collier, great job shipmates. And last but not least we would like to welcome aboard SR Davis from Newark, New Jersey.

BM1(SW/AW) RIVERA TAKES CHARGE WHILE SAN JAC TAKE ON FUEL AT NIGHT



AIR DEPARTMENT

It has been a while since you heard from us and a lot has happened with the Air Department. As we write this, we have been underway for over sixty consecutive days. Port calls seem like ages ago although we did hit two ports since we wrote last.

Aksaz, Turkey was our mid-January stop. Everyone had fun walking around with "millions" in their pockets and using it to bargain and deal with the local merchants. Everyone left Turkey with either a leather jacket, a rug, or a tattoo. Some people made a trip to Ephesus, Turkey to try and capture the mystique of the ancient Ephesians from their ruins. The next port call was Malta at the beginning of February. There was a rumor that it could be our last so we tried to go out in style. The nightlife didn't end until sunrise. The Hard Rock Cafe was a favorite stop too.

Air Department has set the standard for Helicopter Aviation from CRUDES ships over here. The guys have been through 5 major inspections and kept the aircraft working in over 900 flight hours. In the middle of all those accomplishments, some members of the Air Department achieved some significant milestones. First was LT Ingrid Müller's 1000 hour flight. She reached this back in January. Next came AD2 Matthew Metzger's reenlistment for 4 years on January 18th. Last month LCDR Brett Stafford reached his own flight milestone of 2000 hours. On April 3rd, AT2 David Barrat received his Enlisted Aviation Warfare qualification. Finally, the Detachment was very proud to have one of our own recognized by the ship for a quarterly award. AEAN Burkhart was named USS SAN JAC-INTO Blue Jacket of the Quarter for the 1st Quarter 2003.

Our team has integrated well into SANJAC's warfighting team. The Air Department Sailors are performing marvelously keeping the helicopters Combat Ready, you should we are very proud of all they do. We train and fight hard every day to ensure the seas are safe for SANJAC and other US and Coalition ships to sail freely.



Bravo Zulu to all the new **ENLISTED SURFACE WARFARE SPECIALIST!**

FC3(SW) VISITINE
GM3(SW) BURT
ET3(SW) BISSET
CTO3(SW) HILL
CTO3(SW) FUENTES
MS2(SW) ALEXANDER
EW2(SW) DONNELL
CTM3(SW) MCHENRY
DK3(SW) ARIAS
MS3(SW) ALBINOTORRES
DK3(SW) FROST
GSM1(SW) CLINGAN
HT2(SW) HERRELL
GSMFN(SW) MILLER
FC3(SW) ARTHUR
HM3(SW) MOOREHOUSE

BM3(SW) YOUNG
QM3(SW) THOMPSON
CTOSN(SW) NEAS
EN3(SW) FORBES
EN3(SW) STEPHENS
FC3(SW) REMBERT
FC3(SW) TROSCLAIR
GM3(SW) SARGEANT
GM2(SW) MILLIGAN
FC3(SW) FRANCIS
ET3(SW) BROWN
ET3(SW) CURRIE
STG2(SW) OLSON
QM2(SW) SHERMAN
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